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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 1940**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Holden**

February 19, 2014

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An act to add and repeal Section 52245 of the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1940, as amended, Holden. Advanced placement program: ~~pilot grant program: STEM courses~~; *curriculum*.

Existing law contains legislative findings and declarations stating that advanced placement courses, among other things, help to improve the overall curriculum at schools where they are provided and provide a cost-effective means for high school pupils to obtain college-level coursework experience. Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to annually update the information on advanced placement available on the Internet Web site of the State Department of Education to include current information on the various means available to school districts to offer or access advanced placement courses, and to annually communicate with high schools that offer advanced placement courses in fewer than 5 subjects and inform them of the various options for making advanced placement courses and other rigorous courses available to pupils who may benefit from them.

This bill, until July 1, ~~2017~~ 2021, would establish a ~~pilot~~ grant program overseen by the department for purposes of awarding grants to cover the costs associated with a high school establishing or

expanding its advanced placement *STEM* curriculum ~~in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, as specified, as defined.~~ The bill would require the Superintendent ~~and the College Board~~ to submit no later than July 1, ~~2017~~ 2021, a specified report to the Legislature describing the effectiveness of the ~~pilot~~ grant program.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 52245 is added to the Education Code,  
 2 to read:  
 3 52245. (a) ~~There~~ *For purposes of this section, “STEM*  
 4 *curriculum” means courses in any of the following subject areas:*  
 5 (1) *Biology.*  
 6 (2) *Calculus.*  
 7 (3) *Chemistry.*  
 8 (4) *Computer science.*  
 9 (5) *Environmental science.*  
 10 (6) *Physics.*  
 11 (7) *Statistics.*  
 12 (b) ~~There~~ is hereby established a ~~pilot~~ grant program for the  
 13 purpose of awarding ~~grants~~ *moneys* to cover the costs associated  
 14 with a high school establishing or expanding its advanced  
 15 placement ~~curriculum in science, technology, engineering, and~~  
 16 ~~mathematics~~ *STEM curriculum.*  
 17 ~~(b)~~  
 18 (c) A high school may apply to the department for grant funding  
 19 pursuant to this section if all of the following conditions are met:  
 20 (1) The high school meets either of the following criteria:  
 21 (A) Does not offer advanced placement courses in ~~mathematics~~  
 22 ~~or science~~ *the STEM curriculum.*  
 23 (B) Offers advanced placement courses in ~~mathematics or~~  
 24 ~~science~~ *the STEM curriculum*, but those courses are sufficiently  
 25 oversubscribed.  
 26 (2) The high school has identified pupils who have demonstrated  
 27 ~~through their scores on the preliminary SAT that they have high~~  
 28 potential to be successful in one or more advanced placement  
 29 courses in ~~science, technology, engineering, or mathematics~~ *the*  
 30 *STEM curriculum. The high school may identify pupils using any*

1 *means it deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, a pupil's*  
2 *score on the preliminary SAT.*

3 ~~(e)~~

4 ~~(d)~~ (1) No later than July 1, ~~2017~~ 2021, the Superintendent ~~and~~  
5 ~~the College Board~~ shall submit a report to the Legislature  
6 describing the effectiveness of the ~~pilot~~ grant program established  
7 pursuant to this section. *The Superintendent is encouraged to*  
8 *consult with the College Board in preparing the report pursuant*  
9 *to this subdivision.* The report shall include both of the following:

10 (A) Number of pupils who have access to advanced placement  
11 courses in ~~science, technology, engineering, and mathematics~~ *the*  
12 *STEM curriculum.*

13 (B) Success rates in the advanced placement courses in ~~science,~~  
14 ~~technology, engineering, and mathematics~~ *the STEM curriculum*  
15 that include core demographics, including, but not limited to,  
16 gender and race.

17 (2) A report submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be  
18 submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government  
19 Code.

20 ~~(e)~~ *The department shall implement this section only to the*  
21 *extent that moneys are available to the department and the*  
22 *Superintendent for the purposes of this section. The moneys may*  
23 *be derived from any source, including, but not limited to, state*  
24 *funding, federal funding, and nonstate funding sources.*

25 ~~(d)~~

26 (f) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, ~~2017~~ 2021,  
27 and, as of January 1, ~~2018~~ 2022, is repealed, unless a later enacted  
28 statute, that becomes operative on or before January 1, ~~2018~~ 2022,  
29 deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and  
30 is repealed.